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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION**
(37 CFR 1.63)

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Art Unit	to be assigned
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I hereby declare that:

Each Inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A PROCESS FOR KEEPING A TUYERE PASSING THROUGH A METALLURGICAL VESSEL FREE OF A SKULL

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/05/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/EP03/12349 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/23/2004 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	NO
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Supplemental Sheet**

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